CAPSULE SUMMARY BA-2625 St. Michael's Lutheran Church 9534 Belair Road Perry Hall, Baltimore County Circa 1925 Private

St. Michael's Lutheran Church was constructed circa 1925 near the historic village of Perry Hall in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. By the mid-19th century, the lands associated with Perry Hall had been greatly subdivided, and several other landholders in the area began to construct residential buildings along either side of Belair Road. The rural character of the area did not change until after the Great Depression. Commercial buildings, churches, and other institutional buildings now intermingle with a few pockets of residential construction along Belair Road just north of its intersection with Joppa Road. St. Michael's Lutheran Church is not on the 1850 Sidney Atlas. The original Lutheran Church is denoted on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas and the 1915 Bromley Atlas as the German Lutheran Church.

The Gothic Revival-style St. Michael's Lutheran Church, circa 1925, is sited on a level grassy lot with mature trees and shrubs. The three-bay, two-story rock-face ashlar church sits on a solid stone foundation. Stone buttress stand at the edge of the façade. The projecting center bay entrance has a two-leaf wood diagonal board door. Two, four-light lancet windows with smooth ashlar molded surrounds flank the entrance. A stepped parapet flanks the central stone tower, rising above the door. The tower features three recessed, elongated stone panels set beneath lancet openings and a wood and stone parapet cornice. The front gable roof has asphalt shingles. Stone molded quatrefoils ornament the façade. A series of brick additions, circa 1991, with flat and side gable roofs extending from the side and rear of the church. An unenclosed cemetery, containing approximately five hundred burials marked with stone obelisks, crosses, rounded stones, carved hearts, and metal plaques, lies behind the church. The oldest gravestone, belongs to Wilhelmne Hunkel, deceased August 10, 1871. Other predominant family names are Hines, Lay, Ortel, Rye, Schroeder, Smith, and Walter. Although some stones are broken, overall the cemetery is in good condition.

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other							
2. Location							
street and number	9534 Belai	r Road			no	ot for publ	ication
city, town	Baltimore				v	icinity	8
county	Baltimore (County					
3. Owner of I	Property	(give names and ma	ailing addresses	of all owners)			
name	St. Michael	s Church					
street and number	9534 Belai	r Road			telephone	Not A	vailable
city, town	Baltimore		state	MD	zip code	21236-	-1508
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7. Description		9	Inventory No.	BA-2625	
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Constructio	n dates	1925					
Evaluation for	or:						
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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

St. Michael's Lutheran Church was constructed circa 1925 near the historic village of Perry Hall in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. In 1775, Henry Dorsey Gough purchased a mid-18th century Georgian estate from Corbin Lee and renamed it Perry Hall. This property was located in the vicinity of the current intersection of Belair and Joppa Roads. Belair Road connected Baltimore to the town of Bel Air as early as the mid-1700s. Dating to the 1730s, Joppa Road connected settlements along the Patapsco River with Joppa, the original Baltimore County seat located on the Big Gunpowder River. The Perry Hall estate was located a short distance to the north of the intersection of these two important Colonial period roads. This arrangement set the area on a course for development as a crossroads community.(1)

By the mid-19th century, the lands associated with Perry Hall had been greatly subdivided, and several other landholders in the area began to construct residential buildings along either side of Belair Road. The 1850 county atlas shows at least nine residential structures located between the two rivers. In addition to these, three taverns were clustered around the center of the community near the intersection of Joppa and Belair Roads. The name Germantown came to this settlement in the 1860s, when a significant number of German farmers began to settle in and around the area.(2)

Between 1850 and the mid-1870s, the Germantown community grew considerably. From the nine residential structures in 1850, the town grew to at least thirty-seven in 1877. This number continued to increase, for the county history published shortly thereafter records the population as fifty inhabitants. At that time, a general store, two blacksmith shops, a schoolhouse, three churches, and tavern, and sawmill were located in the small settlement.

In 1867, the Baltimore and Jerusalem Turnpike Company incorporated with the intent of creating a better road from Baltimore to the town of Jerusalem. Since the mid-20th century, the landscape of Germantown has greatly changed. To begin, the community was absorbed by the town of Perry Hall to the immediate south, which developed more through the early 20th century than Germantown. The rural character of the area, however, did not change until after the Great Depression. Increased out migration from Baltimore and development of the surrounding area led to the suburbanization of Perry Hall. Belair Road, now a main thoroughfare through the town, was widened in the latter half of the 20th century and is now a four lane highway. Commercial buildings, churches, and other institutional buildings now intermingle with a few pockets of residential construction along Belair Road just north of its intersection with Joppa Road.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.74 acres

Acreage of historical setting

unknown

Quadrangle name

White Marsh

Quadrangle scale

1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

St. Michael Lutheran Church, constructed circa 1925, is located at 9534 Belair Road in Perry Hall in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 72 parcel 631 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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St. Michael's Lutheran Church
9534 Belair Road
Perry Hall, Baltimore County
1925
Private

The congregation of St. Michael's Lutheran Church formed in the mid-19th century and constructed a small chapel along Belair Road in the Eleventh District community of Perry Hall. The presence of this mid-19th century church is confirmed by the 1877 county atlas. In 1925, the large Gothic Revival style building was constructed on or near the lot occupied by the first church. The cemetery behind the present church was established at the time of the congregation's formation. The church reflects the mid-19th century settlement patterns of the Perry Hall community and is representative of the many Gothic Revival style churches constructed throughout Baltimore County in the early 20th century.

The cornerstone on this church reads, "St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 1859-1925." This church fronts southeast and is set back from the road. Built with random ashlar stone, the building stands one-and-a-half stories high and three-bays wide. The front gable roof with a stepped parapet intersects with a three-story square tower. Three louvered-vents with pointed arches and stone surrounds pierce all four sides of the tower's third story. The second story of the tower is differentiated by recessed stone panels that are capped with stone quatrefoil panels. The main entry is located in the first-story of the tower with a double-leaf diagonal board door and a Tudor-arch tympanum with stone, quatrefoil panels. The façade of the church is pierced by four pointed arch stained-glass windows that are paired within a pointed arch stone surrounds with quatrefoil panels. The church is four bays deep with a buttress separating each bay. Connected to the original church is a circa 1965 stone veneer addition with a side gable roof. A series of additions project to the northwest connecting the original church with a circa 1925 school. Located to the northwest is a cemetery with approximately 400 grave markers. Dating from circa 1860 to the twentieth century, the cemetery is placed on a grassy lot and surrounded by a hedge and chain-link fence. The headstones are mostly granite or marble and range in style from upright, and flat to statuesque. Some of the family names include Oettel, Schroeder, Walter, Dietz, and Hines.

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city, town	Perry Hall					vicinity	
county	Baltimore Count	у					
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	addresses of	all owners	s)		
name	St. Michael's Ch	urch					
street and number	9534 Belair Roa	d			telephone	Not Ava	ilable
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A circa 1990 wood frame shed has pressed vertical board siding, an asphalt shingle gambrel roof and a double-leaf pressed vertical board door.

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Specific dates	1859-present		Architect/Builder Unk	nown
Construction da	ates 1925, 1965, 1991			
Evaluation for:				
	National Register	N	Maryland Register	Xnot evaluated

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In the late 17th century, the land now encompassed by the community of Perry Hall was a portion of the land granted to George Lingan. In 1775, Henry Dorsey Gough purchased the estate and renamed it Perry Hall. Belair Road connected Baltimore to the town of Bel Air as the mid-1700s. Dating to the 1730s, Joppa Road connected settlements along the Patapsco River with Joppa, the original Baltimore County seat located on the Big Gunpowder River. The Perry Hall estate was located a short distance to the north of the intersection of these two important Colonial period roads. This set the area on a course for development as a crossroads community.² By the mid-19th century, the lands associated with Perry Hall had been greatly subdivided. The 1850 county atlas shows at least nine residential structures located between the two rivers. In addition to these, three taverns clustered around the center of the community near the intersection of Joppa and Belair Roads. Between 1850 and the mid-1870s, the community grew considerably. From nine residential structures in 1850, the town grew to include at least thirty-seven dwellings in 1877. This number continued to increase, for the county history published shortly thereafter records the population as fifty inhabitants. At this time, there was a general store, two blacksmith shops, a schoolhouse, three churches, and tavern, and sawmill in the small settlement. In addition, settlements developed in towns in the vicinity of the Belair/Joppa Road intersection.

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Although this area was still rural in its agricultural character, it was maintaining a rapid rate of development throughout the second half of the 19th century.³ Perry Hall is now a suburb of Baltimore City.

The wood-frame church was constructed in the Gothic Revival style, which was introduced to the United States in the 1830s by architect Alexander Jackson Davis and popularized through the pattern books of landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing as a reaction against Classicism. Reflective of this style are the square bell tower with steeple and pointed-arch windows. The Gothic Revival style abstracted elements from Gothic cathedrals of medieval Europe, primarily those of England and France.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _	2.74 Acres	_	
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown		
Quadrangle name	White Marsh	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 925, St. Michael's Lutheran Church has been associated with the 2.74 acres of land known as tax parcel 631 of map 72 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office. The accompanying cemetery has been associated with this property since the mid-19th century.

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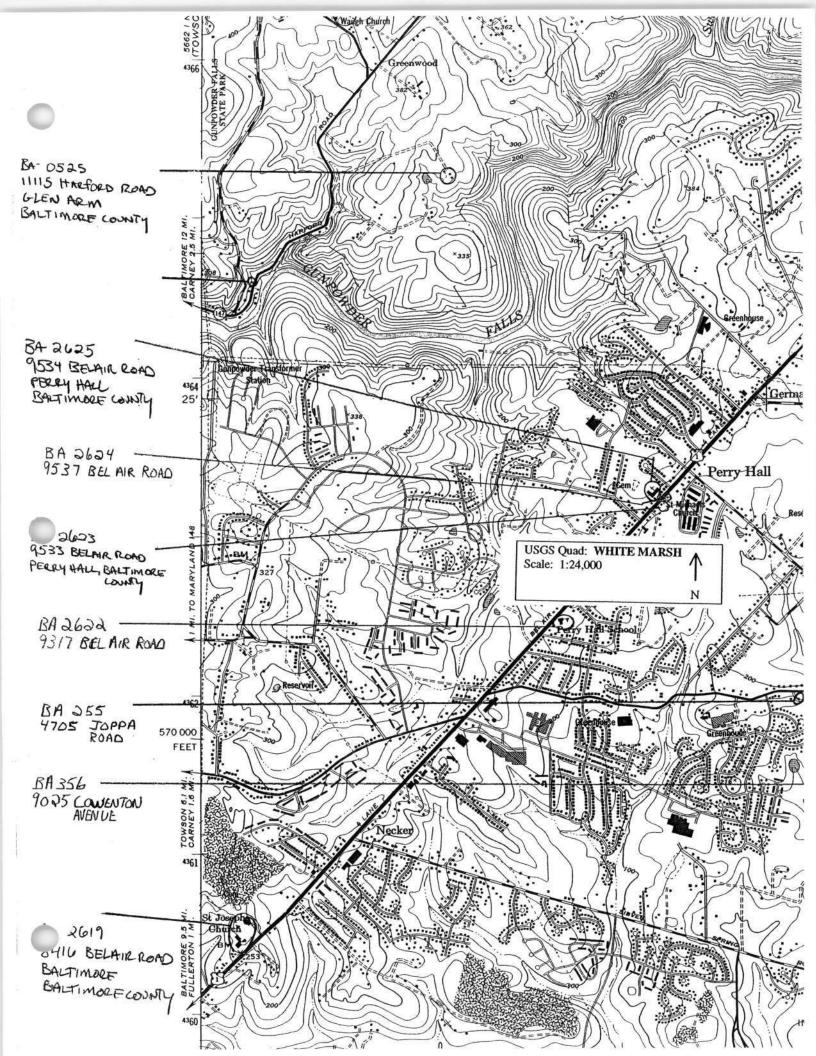
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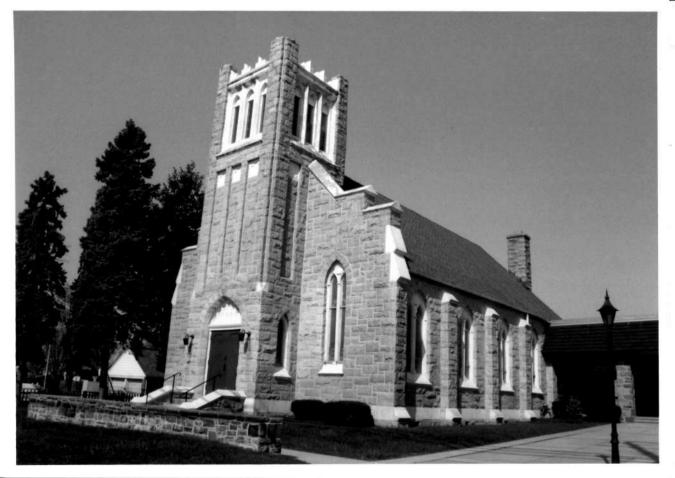
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